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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [redacted] 25X1

TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 11 February 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Puetnitz airfield between 10 and 24 January 1954:

10 January. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., local individual flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s.

12 January. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was the same air activity as on 10 January.

14 January. Between 9 a.m. and noon, individual flights were made. At 2 p.m., 21 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field.

18 January. At 9:45 a.m., 7 MiG-15 or U MiG-15s individually took off, assembled in formation while cirling once over the field and subsequently flew in wedge formation. There was a 1/10 overcast and clear visibility. Shortly afterward, a similar take-off was conducted by another formation of 5 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. After the landings of the 7 aircraft, another formation of 7 aircraft took off and, shortly after the landing of the formation of 5 planes, another 5 aircraft were observed aloft. Air activity observed until about noon involved 1 U-MiG-15 [redacted] 25X1

23 January. Between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., there was no air activity. There was good visibility during the morning and hazy weather during the afternoon. An alert flight of 4 and 6 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s was parked at the dispersal area at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. respectively.

24 January. No aircraft were observed at the field. There was no air activity. Visibility was poor and there were intermittent snow flurries.[1]

2. Between 10 and 24 January, the Token-type radar set was still located near Koepponberg. The [redacted] temporary buildings were also observed ther 25X1
Just west of Koepenberg was a small shed without windows. Around the shed were 5 to 7 telegraph poles, about 6 meters high, fitted with porcelain insulators. Two or 3 soldiers were continually observed near the shed and repeatedly near the Token-type radar set. [redacted] observed the movements of the Token-type set throug 25X1
field glasses. After being put in operation, the radar set made about 3 rotations per minute for a period of 4 or 5 minutes, then the speed was increased to about

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6 rotations per minute. After being switched off, the set usually remained in such a position that the vertical reflector had to bear the least possible wind resistence. No special protective measures were apparently taken although the weather was temporarily very stormy. While the set was in operation, a man was standing outside of the box, but inside of the set, apparently on a footboard. 25X1

While the radar set was in operation, no jamming noise was heard on the medium wave range of a radio set located about 1,000 meters from the radar set.[2] 25X1

3. Twelve shrapnelproof aircraft revetments arranged in pairs were located south and east of the fuel dump at the end of the spur track. North-northwest of the fuel dump were several temporary buildings, arranged like a cantonment and surrounded by a lattice fence. An entrance gate with emblems and pictures was located at the northeastern side of the fence. The view into the cantonment was obstructed by the shrapnelproof revetments; estimated a total of 10 temporary buildings there. Sedans were continuously observed entering the cantonment. Truck could be identified.[3] 25X1 25X1

1. Comment. Puetnitz airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. It is believed that about 45 MiG-15s are stationed there. 25X1

For sketch of flight formation observed on 18 January 1954, see Annex. 25X1

2. 25X1

3. Comment. The former German underground fuel dump is located on the northwestern edge of the airfield at the western end of the spur track. 25X1

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Annex

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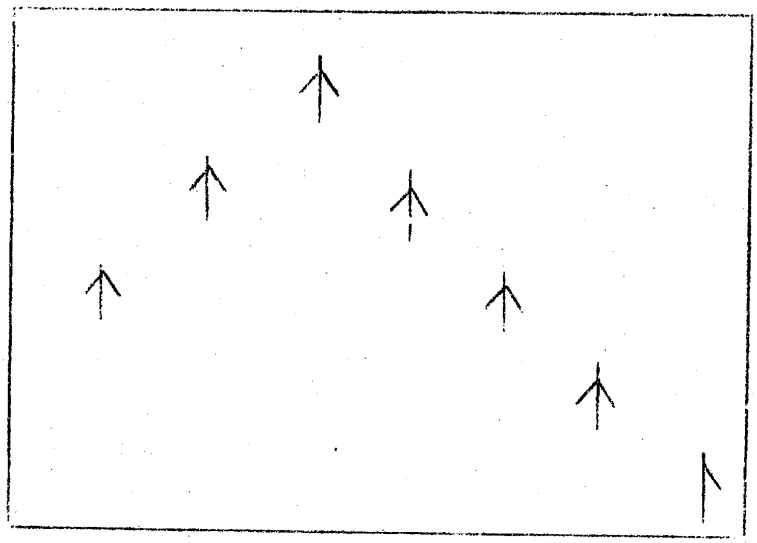
Flight Formation Observed at Puetnitz Airfield

on 18 January 1954



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